

COUNTRY PROFILE

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Subregion	Southern Africa
Income group	Lower middle income

PEOPLE

Population (millions) ¹	2.14	(2015)	2.49	(2030)
Urban ²	27%	(2015)	36%	(2030)
Rural ²	73%	(2015)	64%	(2030)
Population growth ¹ (annual)	1.2%	(2015)	0.9%	(2030)
Human Development Index rank ³	161/188 Low human development			
Languages ¹⁹	Sesotho (official) (southern Sotho), English (official), Zulu, Xhosa			
Religion ¹⁹	Christian 80%, indigenous beliefs 20%			
Ethnic composition ¹⁹	Sotho 99.7%, Europeans, Asians, and other 0.3%			

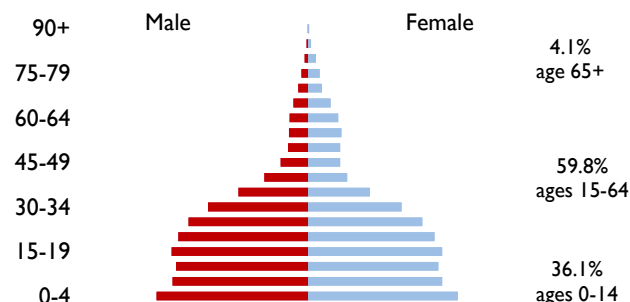
GOVERNMENT

Capital ¹⁹	Maseru
Government type ¹⁹	Parliamentary constitutional monarchy
Head of State ¹⁹	King LETSIE III (since 7 February 1996)
Head of Govt ¹⁹	Prime Minister Pakalitha MOSISILI (since 18 March 2015)
Legislature ¹⁹	Bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate and the National Assembly
Females in Parliament ⁴	27% (2015)
Corruption Perceptions Index rank ⁵	61/167 (2015)
Ibrahim Index rank ⁶	15/54 (2015)
Land area (sq km) ⁷	30,360 (2X the size of Hawaii)

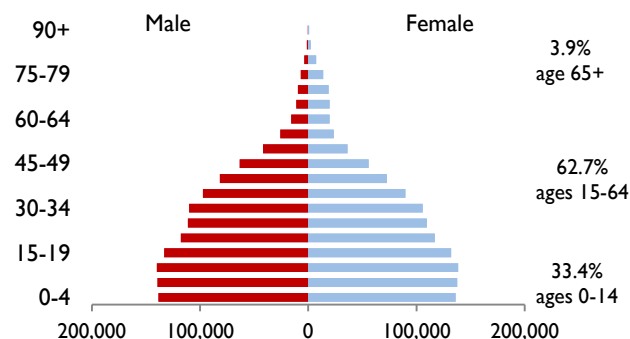
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) ⁸	\$103.6	(2014)
as % of income ⁷	3.70%	(2014)
per capita ¹⁸	\$49.1	(2014)
From U.S. (US\$ millions) ⁸	\$38.3	(2014)

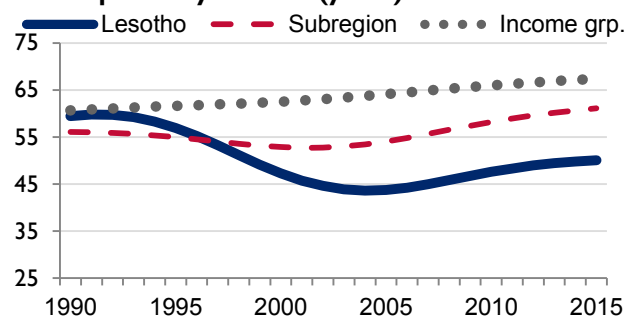
2015 population¹



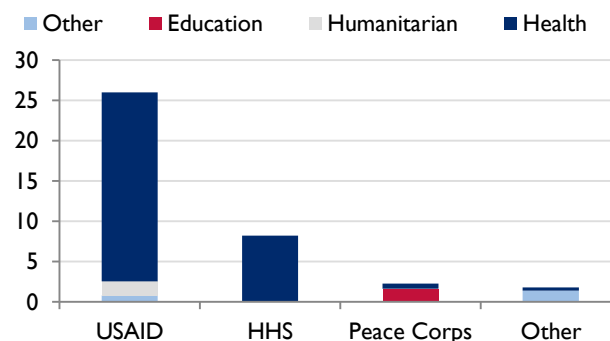
2030 population¹



Life expectancy at birth (years)¹



U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014¹⁸





EDUCATION

Completion rate, primary gross ⁷	75.7%	(2014)
Female completion rate ⁷	84.9%	(2014)
Male completion rate ⁷	66.6%	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary ⁹	33	(2014)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary ⁹	25	(2013)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) ⁹	9.2%	(2008)
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) ⁷	85%	(2015)
Children out of school, primary ⁷	65,881	(2014)
Of which, female ⁷	45%	(2014)
Of which, male ⁷	55%	(2014)



ECONOMY

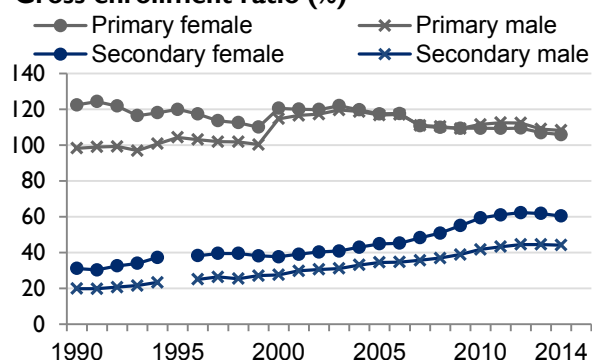
GDP (US\$ millions) ⁷	\$2,181	(2014)
GDP growth (annual %) ⁷	3.6%	(2014)
10-year average ⁷	4.6%	(2014)
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	n/a	
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	n/a	
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day ⁷	59.7%	(2010)
Share of income going to the poorest 20% ¹¹	3%	(2013)
OECD average ¹¹	8%	(2013)
Share of income going to the richest 20% ¹¹	56%	(2013)
OECD average ¹¹	42%	(2013)
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) ⁷	33.0%	(2014)
Annual inflation ¹²	5.3%	(2015)



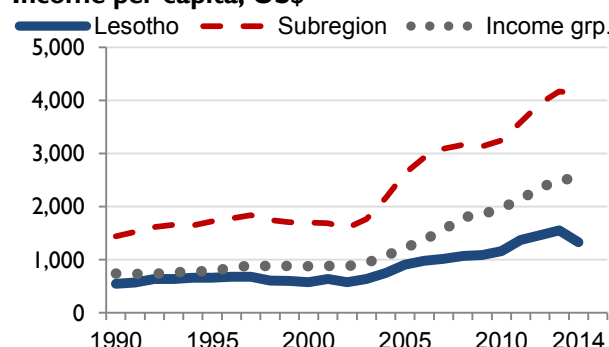
HEALTH

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) ¹³	22.7%	(2015)
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) ⁷	42%	(2015)
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) ¹⁴	671	(2014)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) ¹⁵	33%	(2014)
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) ¹⁵	85%	(2014)
Fertility rate (children per woman) ¹⁵	3.3	(2014)
Modern contraceptive prevalence ¹⁵	49%	(2014)
Births attended by skilled health worker ¹⁵	78%	(2014)
Improved water source (% of population) ⁴	82%	(2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) ¹⁶	8%	(2014)

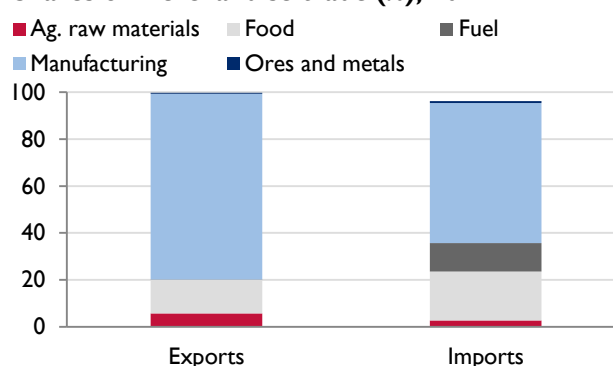
Gross enrollment ratio (%)⁹



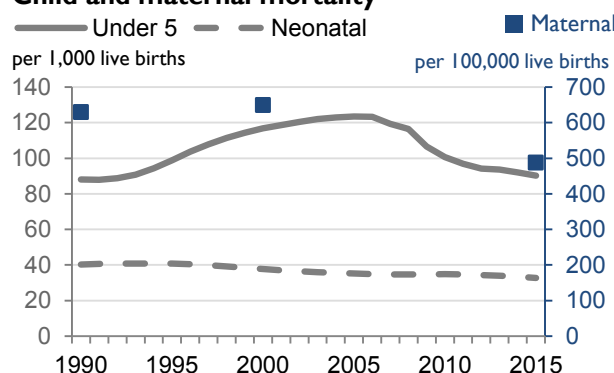
Income per capita, US\$⁷



Shares of merchandise trade (%), 2012⁷



Child and maternal mortality^{17,14}



SOURCES: ¹UN, World Population Prospects; ²UN, World Urbanization Prospects; ³UNDP, Human Development Report; ⁴UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; ⁵Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; ⁶Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; ⁷World Bank, World Development Indicators; ⁸OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); ⁹UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; ¹⁰IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; ¹¹Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; ¹²IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; ¹³UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; ¹⁴WHO, World Health Statistics; ¹⁵Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; ¹⁶WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; ¹⁷UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; ¹⁸OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); ¹⁹CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.